



**Orrville Mennonite Church**  
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**Order of Worship**  
**January 11, 2026**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Songs**    *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*    SJ 95  
                                  *I'm Pressing on the Upward Way*                    SJ 96

**Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting**

Leader: As we gather for worship, we light some lamps.

*Offering Side: Lamps to remind us that we do not gather in a vacuum.*

**Piano Side: We have troubles and laments of our own.**

*Offering Side: And troubles and laments from the action of others and of our systems.*

**Piano Side: We have victories and joys.**

*Offering Side: We have brothers and sisters locally and around the world.*

**Piano Side: We have longings for our Orrville Mennonite Community to grow, spiritually and physically.**

*Offering Side: We trust you, Lord, for growing our community.*

**Piano Side: We gather with all of who we are, Lord**

*Offering Side: Because you are our hope, our light, our example, our strength.*

**All: We come to worship you, Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is them. We worship you, God, who is faithful forever, who gives justice to those who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving; The Lord who frees prisoners.** (Psalm 146.6-7)

**Singing**                    *Lead on, O Cloud of Presence*                    WB 419

**Reflection**                    *It's Been Ten Years*

**Love Step Prayer**

*Lord, open my eyes to see when you introduce me to someone. Help me to meet them with love where they are and to be met in love where I am. Help us to walk together, learn from each other, and share your love with others. Help us to see that as we do these things together, we are growing closer to Christ. Amen.*

**Singing**                      *The Word of God is Solid Ground*                      WB 314

**Offering Prayer**

**Offering Song**              *Lord, Thou Dost Love A Cheerful Giver*              WB 387

**Offering**

**Scripture**                      Joshua 24.14-24

<sup>14</sup> “So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “God forbid that we ever leave the Lord to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup> The Lord is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we’ve gone and in all the nations through which we’ve passed. <sup>18</sup> The Lord has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, “You can’t serve the Lord, because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He won’t forgive your rebellion and your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you leave the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn around and do you harm and finish you off, in spite of having done you good in the past.”

<sup>21</sup> Then the people said to Joshua, “No! The Lord is the one we will serve.”

<sup>22</sup> So Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.” →

They said, "We are witnesses!"

<sup>23</sup> "So now put aside the foreign gods that are among you. Focus your hearts on the Lord, the God of Israel."

<sup>24</sup> The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and will obey him."

**Sermon** *No, They won't...  
Judges, Part 1*

**Song of Response** *Move in our Midst* WB 418

## **Benediction**

### **Sermon Response**

### **Prayer Requests, Prayer**

### **Announcements**

Greeter, LaVonne Amstutz  
Usher, Sherm Amstutz  
PA Operator, Norm Sohar  
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter  
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

SS Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty  
Quiet Table, all ages welcome  
Reader, Jen Bixler  
Sharing & Prayer, Tim Short

**The "Quiet Table" is available** in the coffee area during the worship services at Orrville Mennonite. People of all ages are welcome to come to do quiet hands-on activities as a way of listening and focusing during the worship time. This area works best if there are equal numbers of adults and children sitting together. If you are someone who enjoys listening while creating, maybe this area will be your new regular pew! Our youngest children will "graduate" to this area after their nursery Sunday School hour. If you have been a nursery volunteer in the past, please consider continuing your relationship with the littles at this table.

## **Announcements**

**All are welcome** to stay and enjoy food and fellowship together after the worship service!

**Offering envelopes** are available at the mailboxes. Please sign the numbered card and put it in the box provided.

**Monday Meals** served 135 meals on Monday. This Monday we will be serving ham and bean soup with cornbread and some bagged veggies.

**Elder Affirmation** – Next Sunday, January 18, we will have a time in the service to have an affirmation of our new elder, Hank Rossiter, and a prayer for the Elder Council together.

### **Judges Sermon Series Begins Today**

There is a handout on the table in the back of Sanctuary for those wishing to have some overall, background and contextual information.

**K Ladies will meet for lunch at Marilyn Kamp's home on Thursday, January 15 at noon.** Marilyn will provide lunch and Kathy Schmid will have lunch with us as our guest. She has been invited to share about the Schmid family's experience of living on a reservation.

## **Schedule-At-A-Glance for January 11-18, 2026**

Sunday, January 11

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Fellowship Meal, 12 noon

Monday, January 12

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 15

K Ladies Lunch at Marilyn Kamp's, 12 noon

Sunday, January 18

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Elder Affirmation and Prayer

### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Mission Sunday, Henry Beun speaking

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's, 4 pm

**Offering Report for December 28, 2025**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,520.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Austin Zuercher: \$500.00

Reimbursement: \$35.60

**No Offering Report for January 4, 2026 (Oak Grove combined service)**

**January Birthdays and Anniversaries**

5	Char Newcomer	21	Sandy Sohar
9	Daryl/Sue Steiner	25	Louisa Pirozzi-Erb
13	Penelope Andreasen		

## Sermon Notes – Intro to Judges

**Judges** – We find ourselves in the Promised Land. Now what?

### Bible Story Pattern of the “Now what?” Question

- Adam and Eve created. *Now what? Follow the Lord? Nope. Let's go our own way.*
- Noah and family get off the ark. *Now what? Follow the Lord? Nope. Let's go our own way.*
- Abram and Sarai – a new people. Shall we follow the Lord? Yes. Yes? ... *Nope. Let's go our own way.*
- Release from slavery. *Shall we follow the Lord? Nope. Let's go our own way.*
- Entering the promised land. *Shall we follow the Lord? Yes! But actually, Nope. Let's go our own way.*

### Galatians 5.16-17

<sup>16</sup>I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. <sup>17</sup>A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do.

Shall we follow the Lord?

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